FISCAL NOTE

SB 2590 - HB 2647

March 5, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Redefines *victim* for the purpose of sexual offense to include the defendant's spouse and makes sexual offense against a spouse punishable as in any case of sexual offense. Deletes offenses of spousal rape, aggravated spousal rape and spousal sexual battery.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$112,500/Incarceration*

Assumes one Class C felony conviction every other year for spousal rape will be elevated to a Class A felony (requiring 85% of sentence to be served) for aggravated rape and one Class D felony conviction every other year for spousal sexual battery will be elevated to a Class B felony (requiring 85% of sentence to be served) for aggravated sexual battery.

*Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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